



City of Verona

Finance Committee
City Hall – 111 Lincoln Street
Verona, WI 53593-1520

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE AUGUST 24, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Verona Finance Committee held its meeting as a virtual meeting. The Finance Committee did not meet at City Hall, 111 Lincoln Street. Members of the Finance Committee and Staff joined the meeting by using Zoom Webinar. Members of the public were able to join the meeting using Zoom Webinar via a computer, tablet, or smartphone, or by calling into the meeting via phone.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chad Kemp at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairperson Chad Kemp, Alder Kate Cronin and Alder Christine Posey were present

Also present: Mayor Luke Diaz, City Administrator Adam Sayre, Finance Director Brian Lamers and Police Chief Bernie Coughlin

Discussion and Possible Action regarding approval of August 17, 2020 Finance Committee minutes: Motion was made by Cronin, seconded by Posey to approve the August 17, 2020 Finance Committee minutes with no changes noted. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Updates on the 2021 Budget, Police, Emergency Preparedness and Other Departments: Police Chief Coughlin sent the Committee a memo for the 2021 operating budget justifications. Chief Coughlin state that overall budget increase is 4.5%. Total personnel cost is an increase of 4.9% which consist of a 3% COLA for all non-represented and 2% COLA for represented. Coughlin stated the City and the School District are in the process of negotiating a successor agreement, so all reimbursement from the School District has been removed from the budget, which in 2020 was budgeted at \$46,500. Coughlin discussed the school crossing guard contract is being negotiated, therefore the total is not known at this time. He stated the operating expenditures are increased by .88% with a reduction of the crossing guard contract and there is an increase in repairs/maintenance budget line for \$10,000 that was reduced in 2020 budget. Coughlin talked about the delaying of purchasing one or both of the squads and if that happened he would like to keep that \$10,000 in for additional repairs that may be needed with the delay. He talked about the capital outlay included a new cash register that needs to be replaced and additional rifles.

Chief Coughlin went through the Emergency Preparedness budget and stated there was \$960 added for reprogramming radios and \$975 for smart board integration cost.

No action taken

Discussion and Possible Action regarding the payment of bills:

Motion was made by Kemp, seconded by Cronin to approve the payment of bills totaling \$724,488.52. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Cronin, seconded by Posey, to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 5:19 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Lamers CPA
Finance Director